minimum support price for Government procurement of kharif crop paddy is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reasons for Government's this 8 per cent extra offer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) A proposal to purchase foodgrains at a rate higher than the Minimum Support Price (MSP) has been formulated in the Department of Food & Public Distribution, to ensure that the required quantity of foodgrains are procured to meet the commitments under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other foodgrains based welfare schemes.

Contribution of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries

1818. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries in the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans in gross domestic product;

(b) the plan allocation to each in these plans; and

(c) the reasons for merely increasing Rs. 155.36 crore in the Tenth Plan in comparison to the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) The contribution of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries in the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans is given as per Statement (See below).

(b) The Plan allocation to each of these during 9th and 10th Plans is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Plan	AH	Dairy	Fishery
9th Plan	772.02	251.95	649.53
10th Plan	1384.00	361.00	740.00

(c) Against the Ninth Plan allocation of Rs. 2345.64 crore, a total BE of Rs. 1682.95 crore was actually earmarked to the Department of Animal

Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries. For the Tenth Plan, the Department had proposed an allocation of Rs. 3250.00 crore and was actually allocated Rs,2500,00 crore.

Statement

Contribution of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries in the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan

(Rs. in crore)

Year	GDP at current prices from Live-stock and Fisheries Sectors	Total GDP of the country at current prices	Percentage contribu-tion of livestock and fisheries sector in total GDP at current prices(%)
Ninth Plan			
1997-98	99196	1390148	7.1
1998-99	109263	1598127	6.8
1999-00	112730	1792292	6.3
2000-01	124361	1930184	6.4
2001-02	132076	2097446	6.3
Tenth Plan			
2002-03	134572	2255574	6.0
2003-04	142359	2543396	5.6
2004-05	153580	2843897	5.4
2005-06	NA	3209397	NA

Note: Data for 1997-98 and 1998-99 is as per old series of national accounts with base year 1993-94=100; Data for 1999-2000 onwards is as per new series of national accounts with base year 1999-2000.

Litchi Production

† 1819. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are immense potential of intensive production of improved variety of litchi in the country including Bihar and Uttaranchal;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.